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Federal and State Agencies Provide Public Meetings on Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, in collaboration with the Pacific Fishery Management Council and the respective state natural resource agencies, will hold a series of public meetings to discuss topics important to commercial and recreational fishermen of Highly Migratory Species (HMS) such as tunas, sharks and billfish.

The meetings will highlight the current status of domestic and international HMS activities along with the rules and regulations of the federal Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for U.S. fishing vessels targeting HMS off the coast of California, Oregon and Washington.

**** Salmon are not a part of the HMS FMP and will not be discussed at these meetings ****

Topics to be discussed include the following:

- 2005 north Pacific albacore season summary and stock status
- U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty with update on 2006-07 management measures
- Status of regional HMS Resolutions and Conservation measures
- HMS FMP regulations (logbooks, vessel markings, bycatch issues, observers, HMS permits, exempted fishing permits)
- Preliminary albacore tagging results and future plans

The meetings will begin at **7:00 p.m.** at the date and locations listed below

Date	Location	Port Areas
May 15	Woodley Island Marina Conference Room, 601 Startare Dr., Eureka, CA, 95501. (707) 443-0801.	Eureka-Crescent City, California
May 16	Hatfield Marine Science Center, 2030 SE Main Science Drive Newport, OR 97365. (541) 867-0100.	Newport, Oregon
May 17	Comfort Inn Suites, 3420 Leif Erickson Dr., Astoria, OR, 97103. (503) 325-2000.	Astoria, Oregon - Ilwaco, Washington
May 18	Boat Basin Auditorium, Oregon Institute of Marine Biology, 63466 Boat Basin Drive, Charleston, OR, 97420. (541) 888-2581, ext. 200.	Charleston-Coos Bay, Oregon
May 19	Hotel Chateau, P.O. Box 349, Westport, WA 98595. (360) 268-9101.	Westport, Washington - Ilwaco, Washington

For more information on the FMP please visit the NMFS Southwest Region website at: <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/> or the Pacific Fisheries Management Council web site at: <http://www.pcouncil.org/hms/hmsback.html>